

CHAPTER LI.

An Act to incorporate the Chisago Seminary at Taylor's Falls, in the county of Chisago.

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Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That there be established at Taylor's Falls, in this Territory, a literary institution by the name of Chisago Seminary, and that W. H. C. Folsom, Carmi P. Garlick, Joshua L. Taylor, John D. Ludden, Patrick Fox, S. J. Smith, William Howes, L. B. Smith, and N. F. Taylor, and their successors in office, be a body corporate to be known by the name and style of the Trustees of the Chisago Seminary, with the right as such of suing and being sued, of contracting and being contracted with, and of making and using a common seal, and altering the same at pleasure.

Names.

SEC. 2. The object of this Institution shall be to provide the means of acquiring a knowledge of the various branches of literature, science and the arts.

Objects.

SEC. 3. The proceeds of all donations of whatever source, shall be and remain a perpetual fund (except as hereinafter provided,) and called the Chisago Seminary Fund, the interest of which shall be appropriated to the support of said Seminary; Provided, however, that when any donor at the time of making his donation to said Seminary, shall designate the particular object for which he makes said donation, it shall be the duty of the Trustees to appropriate the same accordingly.

Donations.

SEC. 4. The Trustees are authorized to expend such portions of the funds as may come under their control in the erection of suitable buildings and purchasing a site for the same; for the purchase of a library, mathematical, philosophical and chemical apparatus as they may deem expedient, and the control of all funds given or granted to said Seminary are hereby vested in said Board of Trustees.

Funds, how expended.

SEC. 5. At the first meeting legally called and holden, the Trustees shall designate the time of their first and future annual meetings, which shall in no case be altered except by the vote of two-thirds of the Trustees. They may also choose all necessary officers whose term of office shall expire at the first annual meeting. The Trustees shall at said first annual meeting be divided by lot into four classes, of three each, numbered, one, two, three and four. Class numbered one shall hold their office one year; class numbered two shall hold their office two years; class numbered three shall hold their office three years, and class numbered four shall hold their office four years from the first annual meeting. After the first annual meeting there shall be elected annually three Trustees to supply the vacancies occa-

Meeting.

sioned by the provisions of this section, who shall hold their term for four years. All vacancies occasioned by death, resignation, removal from the Territory or otherwise, as well as the vacancies occasioned by the expiration of office, shall be filled by the Board of Trustees, and all vacancies except those occasioned by the expiration of the time of office, may be supplied at any meeting called for that purpose.

Government. SEC. 6. The Trustees shall have power and it shall be their duty to enact laws for the government of the Seminary, to sell or purchase real or personal property, to appoint a requisite number of teachers, to appoint such officers and committees as the management of the Seminary and its funds may require; to designate their duties and determine the amount of their respective salaries.

Duties of the Secretary. SEC. 7. Meetings of the Trustees may be called by the Secretary on application of five members, at such time and place as they may deem expedient; and a majority of the Board shall at all times constitute a quorum to transact business, but a less number may adjourn.

Officers. SEC. 8. The officers of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and such other officers and committees, as the Trustees may deem expedient. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall hold their office for one year or from the time of their election to the next annual meeting; all other officers and all committees shall hold their offices for such term as the Board may direct.

President. SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at meetings of the Board but in his absence the Board may elect a President, *pro tem*.

Secretary. SEC. 10. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a fair record of all votes and proceedings of the meetings of the Trustees. Also, to keep on file and preserve all papers belonging to the said board of Trustees.

Treasurer. SEC. 11. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all monies due the Seminary, and pay out the same by vote of the Trustees in such manner as they may direct; and all deeds, leases, bonds and evidences of debt, executed by the Treasurer as such, and in pursuance of a vote of the Trustees, shall be binding and the funds and the property of the Seminary shall be held for the just performance and payment of the same.

Bonds. SEC. 12. The Treasurer before entering upon the duties of his office, shall give bonds satisfactory to the Trustees for the faithful performance of his duties.

Religious tenets. SEC. 13. No religious tenets or opinions shall be required to entitle any person to be admitted as a teacher or student in said Seminary and no sectarian doctrine shall be tolerated therein.

First meeting. SEC. 14. Any three members of the Board of Trustees named in this act may call the first meeting of the Trustees, by giving two weeks notice in some newspaper printed in this Territory.

May be amended. SEC. 15. The Legislature may at any time alter, modify or amend this act.

To be in force. SEC. 16. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

CHARLES GARDNER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN B. BRISBIN,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—March first, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six.

W. A. GORMAN.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original bill on file in this office.

J. TRAVIS ROSEER, *Secretary of Minnesota Territory.*